

Recycling Teacher of the Year

Teachers play a vital role in educating students about the importance of recycling through lessons, classroom activities and by encouraging participation in school and community recycling programs. The America Recycles 2004 - South Carolina Statewide Steering Committee invites you to enter the "Recycling Teacher of the Year" essay contest.

- * **Who can enter?**

Any public or private school teacher. Teachers are encouraged to nominate themselves, but can be nominated by anyone.

- * **What do I do?**

Write an essay, 500 words or less, on why you should be the "Recycling Teacher of the Year." Entries must include your name, school name, home address and phone number.

- * **Here are some hints to help you write your essay.**

What do you recycle? Why? Where? Do you buy recycled, compost, reduce waste or reuse things in your classrooms? What are some of the creative ways your class promotes recycling? Have you set up a recycling program in your school or classroom? Do you teach lessons and classroom activities on waste reduction, reusing or recycling?

- * **How many winners?**

One state winner.

- * **What do I win?**

The state winner will receive:

***Palm Pilot** – sponsored by the U.S. Postal Service, Greater South Carolina Cluster*

Entries must be singled-spaced, double-sided and printed on recycled content paper. Winners will be called to confirm the information. The America Recycles 2004 - South Carolina Statewide Steering Committee will judge entries and reserves the right to not name a winner if entries are not satisfactory.

- * **Where do I send my essay?**

Mail or email your entry to:

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- * **What are the deadlines?**

Entries must be postmarked by November 15, 2004. Winners will be notified in December 2004. In addition, they will be recognized at the Recycle Guys Awards Program in February 2005 in Columbia.

- * **Questions?**

Call DHEC's Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling at 1-800-768-7348 or visit www.scdhec.gov/recycle/html/ard.html